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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP

REF: A. STATE 87619; B. YAOUNDE 1299; C. YAOUNDE 1313

1. IN VIEW OF CANCELLATION OF GHANA VISIT, I SHOULD REPORT THAT CAMEROON FOREIGN MINISTER KEUTCHA, WHEN I MET HIM UPON HIS RETURN FROM AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT ON FLIGHT FROM DOUALA TO YAOUNDE SATURDAY, APRIL 24, ASKED WHY SECRETARY NOT COMING TO CAMEROON. I GAVE RATHER LAME EXCUSE ABOUT LIMITED TIME AND LARGE NUMBER OF SUITABLE COUNTRIES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO COME "NEXT TIME".

2. WHILE I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER A VISIT TO CAMEROON COULD BE TECHNICALLY ARRANGED ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE FROM EITHER YOUR END OR GURC'S, I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT PRESIDENT AHIDJO WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY, ON POLITICAL GROUNDS, TO STEP IN WHERE GHANA COPPED OUT, ESPECIALLY AFTER LUSAKA SPEECH. MOREOVER, CAMEROON WOULD BE USEFUL ADDITION TO SENEGAL AS SECOND FRANCOPHONE, SERIOUS, AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT TO

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